

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 112

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor Jim Shipley on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Jim Shipley is one such estimable person, who has served the city of Cookeville with distinction for over thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cookeville, Mr. Shipley served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; he later received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipley began his service to Cookeville as City Clerk and Finance Director in 1983, and was appointed City Manager in 1995; and

WHEREAS, his tenure as City Manager was the longest in the history of Cookeville, and under his leadership, the city has experienced positive growth, and the quality of life for its citizens has been greatly enhanced through professional development, partnership opportunities, and progressive, sustainable initiatives; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his hard work and determination, some benefits that Cookeville enjoys include a state-of-the-art business park, a popular event venue, a green space in the heart of the city, a recreation center and gymnasium, a farmer's market, the Cookeville and Putnam County animal shelter, a performing arts center renovation, a new water quality control facility, and construction of the North Patient Tower at the local medical center; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Shipley's leadership, Cookeville expanded its city boundaries, increasing its land area over fifty percent and making the construction of a new business park and new schools possible; and

WHEREAS, an ardent supporter of planning, Mr. Shipley oversaw the completion of the city's first pedestrian and bicycle circulation plan as well as the first comprehensive future land use plan in forty years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jim Shipley has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the good people of Cookeville and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Jim Shipley on his exceptional career as City Manager of Cookeville, commend his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee, and extend to him our heartfelt best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.